

for repair and renovation of jail buildings and for providing medical facilities in jails.

Production of Drugs in IDPL and HAL

1744. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of production of drugs in the IDPL and the HAL and their subsidiaries during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of losses suffered by these units during the said period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make up these losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) The details are being collected and they would be laid on the Table of the House.

Modernisation of Fertilizer Plants

1745. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY :
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of fertilizer plants modernised and the capacity raised thereof during the last three years, statewide;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on the action plan for modernisation of the fertilizer plants, plantwise/ statewide/yearwise;

(c) the details of fertilizer plants for which modernisation plan is under consideration of the Government, Statewise;

(d) whether the foreign technology has been used/being used in their modernisation process;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the latest position in this regard;

(f) whether NFL has managed to secure financial support for meeting the working capital requirement development needs through Government/Banking institutions/ other organisations; and

(g) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fertilizer Units

1746. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Japanese company has sought guarantee from the Central Government for the revival of Barauni, Durgapur and Namrup fertilizer plants; and

(b) if so, the justification for not giving guarantee to the Japanese company for the revival of the sick fertilizer plants in the interest of farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) A preliminary offer has been received from the Export and Import Bank of Japan for participating in the revamp of Barauni, Durgapur and Namrup units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC). The conditionalities of the proposed financial assistance which, include a Government guarantee, require further examination.

Illegal Immigrants

1747. DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh in the country;

(b) whether the Government have taken up the matter of their deportation with the Government of Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) It is difficult to estimate the exact number of infiltrators from Bangladesh because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(b) and (c) The interception/apprehension of unauthorised Bangladesh migrants and their deportation to Bangladesh is an on-going process. The matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh at various levels from time to time.

Shahtoosh Trade

1748. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether trading in Shahtoosh is banned in the country except in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether despite the ban Shahtoosh trade is mushrooming day by day;

(c) if so, the details of seizure of items of raw Shahtoosh made during 1994 to December, 1996; and

(d) the action being taken against the illegal traders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Although some cases of attempted smuggling and trade of raw Shahtoosh and Shahtoosh items have been detected, it is not a fact that the trade of Shahtoosh is mushrooming day by day. Between January 1994 and

December, 1996, 10 cases of illegal trade/smuggling of shahtoosh were detected. Details of the seized items are given below :

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| 1. Raw Shahtoosh | 10 bales + 15.750 kg. |
| 2. Shawl/mufflers made of shahtoosh | 225 Nos. |

(d) Action against the accused in these cases is being taken under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and other relevant acts and rules.

Price Preference for Domestic Fertilizer Industry

1749. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the confederation of the capital goods industry members have drawn the attention of the Government to the non-restoration of 15% price preference to the domestic manufacturers in the fertilizer industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) The request for restoration of 15% price preference to domestic manufacturers of capital goods for the fertilizer industry for the purpose of evaluation of bids under the international competitive bidding procedure was considered by the Government. It was, however, not found possible to accord any price preference to Indian manufacturers of capital goods/equipment for supplies to the fertilizer plants.

12.00 hrs.

[English]

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Yesterday I said there would be no Zero Hour and the Prime Minister will straightway reply.

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI RAJEEV PRATAP RUDY (Chhapra) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, The Chief Minister of Bihar has made a statement that our Police...(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record. It is not permitted by the Chair.

...(Interruptions)*

*Not Recorded.

MR. SPEAKER : Rudyji, this is not the way. You should abide by what I have announced yesterday.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Before the Prime Minister replies, Katheriaji has got a very important thing to say. I am allowing him as a special case. Katheriaji you can take just one minute, please.

...(Interruptions)

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA (Mayurbhanj) : About Baripada medical hospital in Mayurbhanj, I want to give some information to the House.

MR. SPEAKER : You met me yesterday. I have taken up the matter with the Government. At our level we are taking up the matter.

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : People are still dying there. We are still not taking any initiatives from the Central Government. There should be a recommendation from the House also. People are getting admitted in the hospital. They will simply die. They are not ready to get transferred to another hospital also. We tried our level best to transfer them to Tata Hospital.

MR. SPEAKER : Okay, Sushilaji. We have taken up the matter with the Orissa Government.

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : I do not want to waste the time of the House. This is a very important incident. I just request you for a minute more.

MR. SPEAKER : You have made your point in more than a minute. I have told you that I have taken up the matter personally.

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : I have spoken only three sentences and I will speak three more sentences. There is no burning unit there. There is only one burning unit in the whole of Orissa at Cuttack SCB Medical College. There is no air-conditioning facility and there is no cooler also at Baripada Hospital. Those who are admitted to the hospital definitely God bless them, but you cannot assure that they will be cured tomorrow. There should be a proper burning unit with all facilities. Only a burning unit can provide them some relief.

I thank the Prime Minister because he announced a relief of Rs. 50,000 for the next of kin of the deceased and Rs. 25,000 for the injured. I thank all those people of Baripada and Mayurbhanj who came forward with some kind of relief and helped the people.

My demand is that immediately the Central Government should take up the matter and take an immediate decision